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TAGS: MARR, MILI, PFOR, EFIN, NATO, FR

SUBJECT: FRENCH ATTITUDE ON NATO BURDEN SHARING

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1. WE ARE STRUCK BY THE APPARENT INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN JOBERT'S  
REPORTEDLY FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN NATO  
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BURDEN SHARING EFFORT (BONN 9072, BONN 10939), AND THE CON-

SISTENTLY NEGATIVE LINE TAKEN BY GOF WORKING LEVELS IN PARS  
(PARIS 15581, PARIS 16233, PARIS 17098).

2. IT MAY BE THAT FRENCH ARE IN PROCESS OF SORTING OUT MANNER  
IN WHICH GOF MIGHT JOIN BURDEN SHARING, ALTHOUGH BONN MESSAGES  
ARE SOLE INDICATION WE HAVE SEEN OF THIS POSSIBILITY.

3. WITHOUT FORECLOSING CHANCE THAT FRENCH MAY HAVE UNDERGONE  
A CHANGE OF HEART (OR TACTICS) SINCE REPORTS IN PARIS CABLES  
CITED ABOVE, WE REMAIN SKEPTICAL THAT FRENCH ARE LIKELY TO  
JOIN IN NATO EFFORT, EITHER THROUGH DIRECT BUDGETARY SUPPORT OR  
OFFSETS.

4. NEVERTHELESS, WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PURSUE  
WITH FRG SUBJECT OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION. WE SUGGEST THIS BE  
DONE IN LOW KEY, WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING AS PRECISE A REPORT  
AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT JOBERT ACTUALLY SAID. FOR EXAMPLE, IT  
WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER, IN THE THIRD SENTENCE OF  
BONN 9072, PARA 4, JOBERT HAS IN MIND THE EC NINE OR NATO AS  
HE FORUM FOR EXAMINING POSSIBLE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN BURDEN  
SHARING. WE ASSUME THE GERMANS WOULD CARRY OUT THIS PROBING  
EFFORT WITH RESTRAINT, SO THAT FRENCH ARE NOT GIVEN ANY PRE-  
TEXT FOR RECOILING FROM POSSIBLE ROLE IN NATO BURDEN SHARING  
EFFORT ON BASIS OF "US INTERFERENCE." TOWARD THAT END, WE  
SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY BONN EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO  
"MADE IN EUROPE" LABEL.  
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